

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 783

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Niello)
(Coauthors: Senators Cox and Ortiz)

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 13001 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 783, as introduced, Jones. Elections: payment of expenses.

Existing law provides that all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for and conduct of elections are to be paid from the county treasuries.

This bill would provide that expenses for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States, are to be paid by the state. Where an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the state would pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

1 13001. (a) ~~At~~ *Except as provided in subdivision (b), all*
2 expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation
3 for and conduct of elections as provided in this code shall be paid
4 from the county treasuries, except that when an election is called
5 by the governing body of a city the expenses shall be paid from
6 the treasury of the city. All payments shall be made in the same
7 manner as other county or city expenditures are made. The
8 elections official, in providing the materials required by this
9 division, need not utilize the services of the county or city
10 purchasing agent.

11 (b) ~~This section shall become operative on January 1, 2005~~ *All*
12 *expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation*
13 *for and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a*
14 *vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to*
15 *fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or*
16 *Representative in the Congress of the United States, shall be paid*
17 *by the state. If an election proclaimed by the Governor to fill a*
18 *vacancy in an office specified by this subdivision is consolidated*
19 *with a local election, only those additional expenses directly*
20 *related to the election proclaimed by the Governor shall be paid*
21 *by the state.*